



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2003 Assembly Bill 14

Assembly Amendment 1

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Under **current law**, if the Department of Corrections or any other agency with jurisdiction confines a person, places a person in a community extensive sanctions program, or releases a person from confinement, and the person has, on only one occasion, been convicted of a sex offense, the department or agency may notify the police chief of the community and the sheriff of the county in which the person will be residing, employed, or attending school. The department or agency may provide the notice if the department or agency determines that the notification is necessary to protect the public. If the same situation exists, except that the person has two or more sex offense convictions, the department or agency must notify the police chief of the community and the sheriff of the county in which the person will be residing, employed, or attending school.

Currently, the department must provide access to information concerning persons registered under s. 301.45 (sex offender registry), by creating and maintaining an Internet site and by any other means that the department determines is appropriate. The information provided through the Internet site must be organized in a manner that allows a person using the Internet site to obtain the information that the department is required to provide that person and other information that the department determines is necessary to protect the public.

Under this bill, the department must immediately notify the police chief of the community and the sheriff of the county in which any sex offender is residing, employed, carrying on a vocation, or attending school when that person changes his or her residence, employment, or vocation in this state, attends a different school in this state, or becomes a resident of or a student in this state, is employed in this state, or starts carrying on a vocation in this state. The bill requires the department to specifically address the notice to the police chief of the community and the sheriff of the county in which the person will be residing, attending school, employed, or carrying on a vocation and requires the department to provide identifying information about the person in addition to the new address of the person, the school that the person will be attending, the name and address of the person's employer, and the name and address of the place where the person will be carrying on a vocation, whichever are applicable.

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Replaces the notice requirements specifically created in the bill with the following Internet access requirement:

- Provides that the department must provide by Internet access, the means for a law enforcement agency to easily identify changes that have occurred in the residence, employment, or place of school attendance of a person registered as a sex offender.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

On February 3, 2004, the Assembly adopted Assembly Amendment 1 by a vote of Ayes, 60; Noes, 39. The Assembly passed the bill as amended by a vote of Ayes, 84; Noes, 15.

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